GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2001
SUPPORT PRICE OF BAJRA
SIS RAM OLA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the support price of Bajra has been announced;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Bajra has not been procured at support price till date in Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi etc., despite announcement to its support price;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which procurement of Bajra is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.2 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2001.

(a)&(b): The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of bajra of fair average quality (FAQ) at Rs.485 per quintal for the 2001-02 season.

(c) to (e): The Food Corporation of India is the designated central nodal agency for procurement of coarse cereals including bajra. A total quantity of 4718 tonnes of bajra has so far been procured and the State-wise details are as under:

(Figures in tonnes)

States	Procurement of Bajra
Madhya Pradesh	1523
Maharashtra	175
Rajasthan	3020
Total	4718